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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

After three long years, the antitrust case against Microsoft has been settled. I applaud this decision. I believe the initial lawsuit was wrong. It was, in my opinion, very counter-productive for the economy. Microsoft is one of the engines of our economy; the economic downturn we have experienced can be traced directly to the antitrust case against Microsoft.

But it is time to go forward. Microsoft has agreed to a great number of demands from the Department of Justice; e.g. agreeing to a technical committee to monitor future actions; agreeing to design future versions of Windows with the ability to promote non-Microsoft software; agreeing not to retaliate against computer makers who send software that competes with Windows operating system. Microsoft is apparently trying to settle the case and get back to business. I agree with this.

I urge you to give your support to the agreement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Wilkins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

James Wilkins